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allocated to the mobile station after a sequence which can be predetermined, and wherein the allocation is independent of any packet data transmission such that the mobile station transmits in the time slot allocated for signaling even if the mobile station does not transmit any packet data for the duration of a current and next macroframe.

34. A base station system for configuring a radio interface between a mobile station and a base station as claimed in claim 33, wherein timing advances for the mobile stations are transmitted, as configuration data for the plurality of mobile stations, in a time slot for signaling in the downlink direction.

REMARKS

The present amendment makes editorial changes and corrects typographical errors in the specification in order to conform the specification to the requirements of the United States Patent practice. No new matter is added thereby. Original claims 1-17 have been canceled in favor of new claims 18-34. However, claims 18-34 have been presented solely because the revisions by bracketing and underlining which would have been necessary in claims 1-17 in order to conform those claims to the requirements of United States Patent practice would have been too extensive, and thus would have been too burdensome. The cancellation of claims 1-17 does not constitute an intent on the part of the Applicants to surrender any of the subject matter of claims 1-17.

Early consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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